



COMMITTEE TO  
END HOMELESSNESS  
KING COUNTY

# Homeless YYA Stakeholder Forum



**11/26/2013 | 2 – 3:30PM | BELLEVUE LIBRARY**



**EVERY 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY FROM 2 – 3:30PM.  
A MONTHLY OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR ABOUT THE  
CHANGES PLANNED FOR OUR HOMELESS YOUTH  
AND YOUNG ADULT SYSTEM IN KING COUNTY.**

# Meeting Objectives



- Receive input around:
  - Community Sign In Launch
  - Count Us In
- Communicate:
  - Youth at Risk of Homelessness Grant
  - YYA Evaluation Team
  - Next steps toward funding
- Updates

# Launch of Community Sign In



**HELP US COMMUNICATE ABOUT DATA TO  
YOUTH IN A CONSISTENT AND RESPECTFUL  
WAY, CONTINUUM-WIDE**

**HELP US UNDERSTAND OVER TIME WHAT  
YOUNG PEOPLE WE'RE MISSING, AND**

**COMMUNICATE WITH YOUTH THAT WE CAN  
ALSO HELP THEM CONNECT WITH FAMILY.**

# About Community Sign In

The purpose of Community Sign In, part of our coordinated engagement system for YYA, is to:

1. Divert YYA from homeless services when possible through family reunification,
2. Promote consistent data collection on YYA homelessness, and
3. Obtain a more comprehensive number of YYA who are using our continuum by aligning data collection at every drop in center, meal program and young adult shelter in the continuum of care.

YYA ages 13 to 25 will complete Community Sign In the first time they arrive at any drop in center, meal program, or young adult shelter in the homeless YYA continuum.

# Community Sign In Launches!



Current (as of 11/26/2013):

Agency Name	CSI Launch Date
Auburn Youth Resources	Tuesday 11/19
University District Youth Center	Wednesday 11/20
Sanctuary Arts Center	Thursday 11/21
Friends of Youth	Monday 11/25
Street Youth Ministries	
YMCA	
YouthCare	
Teen Feed	Tuesday 11/26 at In Reach
New Horizons Ministries	Monday 12/2
ROOTS	
PSKS	TBD

# CSI Launch – Next Steps

- ☐ Place CSI fliers in your programs and talk with youth about this new way agencies are working together.
- ☐ Send a staff member to the Weekly CSITroubleshoot.
- ☐ Determine your consistent process to ensureYYA ages 13-25 who are new to your agency are asked to complete Community Sign In.

## What Is Community Sign In?

Community Sign In, or CSI, is a new way that agencies serving homeless youth and young adults in King County are working together.

CSI is a simple questionnaire that you'll be asked to answer when you enter a drop in, shelter, or meal program for homeless youth. Two main purposes of Community Sign In:

**1**

To obtain a better number of youth and young adults who are using homeless youth programs so that we can advocate for necessary services and support.

**2**

To divert youth and young adults from homeless services when possible. By asking folks who are new to programs if they want any support to talk to a safe adult, we're hoping to help youth and young adults connect back to family members *only if it is safe to do that*. [We know that calling family isn't always an option.]



## Weekly CSI Troubleshooting Meetings

Weekly each  
Wednesday

2:30 – 3:30

Starting 11/27 at  
Street Bean

Locations and call in  
number to be arranged for  
future meetings.

- Intended for a lead or two who can communicate what is and isn't going well as we implement CSI in each agency.
  - What best practices can you share as you launch CSI?
  - What requires problem solving?
  - How are young people responding?

# Count Us In



Will follow similar format as last year.

- King County YYA providers survey young people as part of Count Us In during the day to early evening on 1/23/14.
- As the day draws to the evening and the One Night Count begins, agencies serving homeless youth host YYA “sleepover” events during the night/early morning on 1/24/14.
- Data eligible for our point in time count (One Night Count) is reported to HUD.
- Additional survey data gathered through Count Us In, including numbers of youth who are unstably housed, informs the Comprehensive Plan and our regional understanding of the issue.



# Count Us In: Save the Dates



- **Count Us In Launch Meeting**

- December 9<sup>th</sup>
- 9 – 10am (2100 Building)

- **Count Us In**

- January 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> 2014

TBD: Count Us In Survey Training & Debrief (January)

# Youth At Risk of Homelessness (YARH) Grant



- Purpose: prevent homelessness among youth with a history of child welfare involvement
- 2 year planning grant from HHS (\$360k per year, October 2013- September 2015)
  - Lead: United Way of King County
  - Key partners: DSHS, Partners for Our Children, Building Changes, King County, Columbia Legal Services, Mockingbird Society
- Opportunity to apply for implementation grant in 2015 (\$1m per year/ 5 years)

# Youth At Risk of Homelessness (YARH) Grant



- Phase 1 Activities

- Statewide data analysis (DSHS RDA) of child-welfare youth most at risk of homelessness
- King County- Provider workgroups to assess current services and make recommendations re: service improvements and system changes:
  - ✦ Workgroups for each of 3 target populations: youth in care aged 14-17, youth aging out of care at 18, youth experiencing homelessness (up to age 21) with history of foster care involvement
  - ✦ Recommendations in 4 USICH outcome areas: stable housing, education/ employment, permanent connections, emotional/social well-being
- Similar process in second community elsewhere in WA (TBD)

# YYA Evaluation Team- Purpose and Role



- Discuss and further develop details and data sources related to benchmarks, youth-level outcomes, organization-level outcomes and system-level outcomes included in Comprehensive Plan
- Review data before it is released to other groups and/ or public
- Serve as a learning community on questions related to outcomes and evaluation

# YYA Evaluation Team- Members



<b>Steve Ice</b>	HHS - Administration of Children and Families
<b>Erin Maguire</b>	Catholic Community Services (YHC)
<b>Amanda Thompkins</b>	King County (evaluation)
<b>Megan Gibbard</b>	King County
<b>Carrie Hennen</b>	King County
<b>Pat Wells/ Mary Johnson</b>	City of Seattle
<b>Damian Spence</b>	United Way of King County
<b>Derek Wentorf</b>	Friends of Youth
<b>Courtney Markle</b>	YouthCare
<b>Sean Walsh</b>	YMCA
<b>Tabitha Jensen</b>	Teen Feed
<b>Katie Hong</b>	Raikes Foundation
<b>Joe Mienko</b>	Partners for our Children

# NEXT STEPS TOWARD FUNDING



- 11/12, the King County Council approved its 2014 budget, which includes more than \$900,000 to fund our work with homeless youth.
- 11/25, the City of Seattle approved its 2014 budget, which includes \$130,000 to maintain 20 existing shelter beds in Seattle that had been threatened with closure
- Anticipated: Joint NOFA released to implement priority activities (Jan/Feb 2014)
- Commitment to critical services – gaps in outreach remain and are being addressed

# Save the Dates:



- Next Stakeholder Forum
    - December 24<sup>th</sup> 2 – 3:30pm
    - Chinook Building Rm. 121 (401 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Seattle 98104)
  - *Now Added!*
    - Preceded by monthly CSI User Training 1pm – 2pm
    - Followed by YHC Feedback Forum 3:30 – 4:30
- *Make an afternoon of it ...*